

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) 1^a—"~~HANGING ELEMENT~~" ~~which includes A~~
hanging element, comprising an extended body (1) equipped with a first end or insertion
body (2) and a second opposite end or closure head (3), characterized by the fact that it
includes at least one side projection (4a, 4b, 4c) to join several hanging pieces together in
order to have many pieces hanging together configured as the matrix (5) or comb.

2. (currently amended) 2^a—"~~HANGING ELEMENT~~" A hanging element,
according to claim ~~one~~ 1, characterized by the fact that the first end or insertion body (2) is
extended by a single wire (6) which ends in a Y joint (7). ~~The, the~~ ends of ~~this the~~ Y joint
split the respective single wires (10, 11) to form a closed loop which meets in the closure
head (3). ~~The, and the~~ end (13) of a hook (14) ~~or similar may be~~ introduced inside ~~this the~~
loop (12).

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) 4^a—"~~HANGING ELEMENT~~" A hanging element,
according to ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 2, characterized by the fact that the
aforementioned head (3) has a ringbolt or identification tag at one end (16), ~~such as a label,~~
~~microchip, barcode or similar~~ through the joint (15).

5. (new) A hanging element according to claim 4, wherein the ringbolt or identification tag is one of a label, microchip, and barcode.